Implementation of the Recommendations of Justice U.N. Bachawat Wage Board

*70. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL :
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what action Government are taking on the demands of the journalists and non-journalist employees of the news-papers and news-agencies for adequate improvement in the recommendations of the Wage Board headed by Justice U.N. Bachawat;

(b) by when it is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether Government have received a memorandum in this regard from the Federation of Working Journalists; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY) : (a) to (d) Government is considering the report in all its aspects including representations received on it.

Setting up of a National Poultry Development Board

*71. DR. NARREDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a National Poultry Development Board; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Pension scheme for working journalists and non-journalists

*72. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working group set up by Government to draw up a scheme of pensions for working journalists and non-journalists has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Group has recommended introduction of one of the several alternative pension schemes suggested by them for the journalists and non-journalists employees of the Newspaper establishments.

Liberation of scavengers

*73. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced any scheme for the liberation of scavengers;

(b) if so, the names of the States where such a scheme has been introduced;

(c) whether it has been introduced in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details of Central assistance given to Orissa during the last three years for implementing this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.